

Redmond Was 'Spy' 8 Years, Peiping Says



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Held by Reds

The Red Chinese radio at Peiping said American businessman Hugh Redmond (shown here), 34, of Yonkers, N. Y., has been sentenced to a life term as a spy.

TOKYO (Tuesday), Sept. 14 (U.P.)—Radio Peiping broadcast a long report today on the "espionage activities" of an American sentenced Monday to life imprisonment by a Communist Chinese court.

The Red radio said the American, Hugh Frances Redmond, of New York, had been a spy in China since 1946 and set up secret radio equipment to broadcast his reports.

(In Washington the State Department rejected the spy charges and said Redmond was a "legitimate" businessman employed by Henningsen & Co., Ltd., with offices in Hongkong and Shanghai.)

Redmond used invisible ink in compiling his data and 16 secret code books for radio transmissions, the 700-word Peiping indictment said.

When he ran short of funds in 1950, three American Catholic priests gave him money, and they were arrested by Communist police, the broadcast said.

Seven Chinese, who Peiping said were working under Redmond, also were convicted of spying. Two were given death sentences.

When Redmond was arrested, police found in his possession a spy payroll, a bottle of chemical developers for invisible ink, instructions to Chinese spies, addresses for radio communications with intelligence agents in Hongkong and 31 messages, Peiping said.

Redmond used an alias, Jerome Strother, and a code name, Euclid, in his espionage work, the Communists said.

The Communist radio said "Redmond confessed to the crimes listed in the indictment."